CITY INTELLIGENCE.

A LOSING YEAR.

The Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company-Its Annual Report-Inportant and Interesting Statement.

This morning the stockholders of the Lehigh Coal Company held their annual meeting at the Board of Trade Rooms. Caleb Cope, Esq., oc-

cupled the chair.
Mr. E. W. Clark, the President, read the annual report, which presented the following facts. The net profits from all sources were: -

Net profit on Lehigh Canal....\$26,402.49
Net profit on coal (Summit

Taxes..... Balance of interest account 194,144'42

Railroad, and Lehigh Canal, compared with that of 1869, was as follows:—1869, 1,597,651 tons; 1870, 2,143,131 tons. Distributed as follows:—Delivered east of Mauch Chunk, by ratiroad, in 1870, 1,120,860 tons; delivered east of Mauch Chunk, by canal, 789,079; consumed along the line above Mauch Chunk, 49,425 tons; delivered to connecting lines in Wyoming Valley, 184,267 tons; making a total of 2,143,131 tons.
The production of the company's mines in 1870

1,497,751:78

The production of the company's limites in 18,0 was 468,272 tons; in 1860 it was 563,914 tons.

The past year has been one of the most unsatisfactory in the experience of the company since the disasters of 1862. Our profits are dependent almost entirely on the general condition of the coal trade, which during last year was unremunerative to nearly every company and operator engaged in it. With low rates on the railroad, frequent breaks in the canal during the spring, and six months' suspen-sion at our mines, we find full reason for the small amount of our net receipts.

RAILROAD.

The amount of coal transported by the railroad shows an increase of 555,254 tons over the previous year, or after deducting deliveries to the canal and to points and railroads above Mauch Chunk, the in-crease was 186,791 tons. While the gross receipts derived from all of the traffic of the roads were derived from all of the trains of the roads were larger by \$17-106 per cent. than in 1869, the expenses were increased 18% per cent., and the net earnings, after deducting taxes and half of the general expenses, were \$734,359 85-109, or 33 8-10 per cent. of the gross receipts, against \$512,502 94-100, or 39% per cent, in 1869, which difference is accounted for by the charge on coal being \$1.65 per ton per mile in 1870, against 2 cents in 1889, while the number of trains was considerably increased.

The low rate was caused by the low prices prevailing for coal at New York tide, to which point we transported largely, the charge being based on the The auction sales of Scranton coal averaged \$4-59

from April 1st to December 1st, ranging between \$4:14 and \$4:77. The coal from the Wyoming region, while realizing somewhat higher prices, fluctuated to nearly the same extent.

CANALS.

The Delaware Division Canal was not ready for business until the 16th of April, and the freshet two days later carried away a portion of the guard wall at Easton, and business was not resumed until the 10th of May. Again, on the 13th of May a break in-terrupted business for two weeks, so that until after the 27th of May the company derived no considerable revenue from its canals, and when freshets ceased to trouble us, the amount of coal offered fell far short of our means of transportation, as our own miners had not then resumed work. No further freshets interrupted business until the 12th of August, and the canals were open again on the 20th

The amount of coal transported on the canals was 789,111 tons, giving a small amount of net earnings after paying the expenses of repairs, renewals, operation of both canais, and rent of the Delaware Divi-

The items of expense and rent are not materially increased by a large business over what they are when the tonnage is small, and the net revenue de-rived from the canals in ordinary seasons is the amount of tolls collected on the coal transported in excess of 650,000 or 700,000 tons. As that e-cess was small last year, the net revenue was also

With the company's mines at work during an entire season, and with connections now made with the various coal fields, there should be from 1,100,000 to 1,200,000 tons transported on the canals and this can be done without an increase in the canal equipment.

Both canals are in good condition, considerable expenditures having been made during the year to strengthen and protect them at various points. COAL.

The suspension of labor at our Lehigh mines on February 12th, referred to in the supplementary re-port submitted last year, was followed by a suspension at our Newport mines, the miners there acting in concert with those at Summit Hill. Work was re sumed at both places on the 16th of August, the demands of the company having been acceded to, During the suspension the amount of money paid out for the necessary labor and other expenses con-nected with our mining interest was \$168,682, which represents but a small portion of the loss to the company resulting from the strike. The position assumed in this contest was not determined assumed in this contest was not determined upon by the managers until after full deliberation, and it had been ascertained that if the demands of the men were yielded to it would be followed by demands from other branches of the service, and seriously embarrass the future operations of the company. So that notwith-standing the prospect of a serious loss from a long suspension, it was thought better to suspend operations for the year, if necessary, than to fasten a policy upon the company which would subject its property to the demands of others, and result in th employment of its whole capital solely for the benefit of hostile organizations,

NESQUEHONING VALLEY BAILROAD, This road was delivered to us early in May, and passenger and freight trains were run in connection with the Catawissa Railroad for the remainder of the year. A branch line into the Beaver Meadow coal field has been constructed, and we expect to transport a large amount of coal from that region during the coming season. Work upon the tunnel is progressing satisfactorily.

A supplementary report, explanatory of some portions of the first one, was read. Both were adopted The following gentlemen were elected the

officers to serve for the ensuing year:-President-E. W. Clark. Managers-Francis R. Cope, Francis C. Yarnall, Fisher Hazard, Charles Parrish, George F. Tyler, Philip C. Garrett, Charles Wheeler George Whitney, Alexander Biddle, John Leisenring, and Samuel Thomas.

Adjourned. A New Chromo.-Messrs, James S. Earle & Sons have just received a new chromo, published by Prang of Boston, which will be an attractive ornament to a parlor wall. It is after a picture by McCord, entitled "Day's Work Done," and is a poetical twilight effect, in which the feathery outlines of the trees and the dark masses of the buildings are relieved against a sky still glimmering with the hues of sunset, while the foreground is a mass of shadow, the form of the laborer returning home after his day's work giving a human interest to the scene. The yel lows, reds, and purples of the sky are a trifle too vivid, and the middle distance almost too black, but otherwise the picture is a very pleas-

ing one, and it deserves to be popular. ALASKA STREET THIEVES .- A man went into a tavern at Sixth and Alaska streets last night to take a drink, and while he was engaged in this undertaking three men, named Michael Morgan, James Loan, and James Green, hustled him about the room and filehed his watch. Officer Logue attempted to arrest the party when they turned on him and gave him a turash ing. Sergeant Whalen with another officer arriving on the spot, the trio were taken in custody, and on the person of Green a blackjuck was found. The men are now in prison. The watch was recovered and restored to its owner.

A SWINDLER A man named Lincoln Cook will be before Alderman Kerr at the Central Station this afternoon on the charge of several swindling operations. The plan of this gentle man, it is alleged, is to rent pianos, melodeous, etc., and then sell them at auction. In this way he swindled Messrs. Lee & Walker out of a melodeon, and then sold it at Davis & Harvey's auction rooms for \$83. In a similar manuer he obtained one from James Bellak and another from J. A. Getze.

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENTS.

New Dry Goods Houses in Process of Erec-tion on Market Street.

One by one, slowly though surely, the large firms of Market street are moving westward on that great thoroughfare. Two large improve-ments are now being made which promise to adorn that highway and give a tangible evi-

dence of business prosperity.

The first of these is for the accommodation of the firm of John B. Ellison & Sons, importers of cloths, cassimeres, and vestings, now occu-pying No. 339. The new building will occupy the sites of two old structures that, had they not been razed, would have crumbled away Their numbers were 723 and 725. Their demo-lition was commenced about the middle of last February, and if the work continues to progress with its present rapidity, by the 15th of July our citizens will discover a handsome building occupying their place. This structure will have a front of 83 feet and a depth of 130 feet, the rear doors opening upon a court. Its height .\$1,200,060.21 will be five full stories, the facade being of iron, neat in design and substantial in appear-

The height of the first story will be 17 feet, and the upper rooms will be so arranged as to pour down into the main business-room a flood of light. The counting-rooms will extend along one of the walls, a distance of about 60 feet, and will be comfortably arranged. The building will have all modern conveniences, and its cost when completed, will not fall short of \$80,000. The firm of Ellison & Sons has been in existence since 1823, and has always been located in Market street, between Second and Third streets.

The new building will be devoted to its sole use.

The second improvement is on a much larger

scale than this, though there will be a very conspicuous similarity in the two buildings. Its projectors are Messrs. Hood, Bonbright & Co., now doing business at No. 529 Market street, where for many years they have been estab lished. The change to a larger building is a matter of necessity, arising from the wants of very extensive and rapidly growing trade which this firm is now enjoying. To make way for this improvement three buildings were torn down, Nos. 811, 813, and 815, formerly occupied by Beltner & Co., forwarding merchants; Metz & Sons, and William A. Drew, dealer in bedding. In the rear of these buildings was a coterie of little manufacturing establishments, which suffered a like fate. The pedestrian on Market street, in passing this square, stops to watch an army of laborers completing the excavation running back to Filbert street a distance of 300 feet, and 66 feet in width. On this will rise a five-storied structure which is to har-

por the great business of the Messrs. Hood,

Bonbright & Co. The Market street front will

be of iron. For 90 feet the building will rise to

five ample stories, and for the balance of the distance to Filbert street it will be but three For 175 feet the second floor will form a gallery, leaving an aperture of twenty-two feet in width. This will enhance the beauty of the building to a great degree, and not only give it plenty of light and ventilation, but convenie in the transaction of business. The roof will be furnished with skylights, and the entire structure will be made as airy, attractive, and comfortable as genius can design and money carry out. The counting-room will run along the side of one of the walls a distance of 140 feet, and have a width of fifteen feet. The partition will be of oiled walnut and figured glass, and the exterior arrangements such as will reflect credit upon the such as will reflect credit upon the concern. The building will be furnished with all the accommodations necessary for the comfort of the patrons and clerical torce, which numbers 90. There will be a parlor for the use of ladies who may visit the establishment. Operations were commenced on the 1st of April, and the building will not be finished until the middle of December. The value of the ground on which this improvement is being made is \$2000 a foot We hear of other large firms between Front and Fourth streets who are prospecting

LIVE STOCK.

A Public Sale of Fine Imported Cattle and Blooded Stock-The Prices.

for new locations further west.

This morning, at 10 o'clock, at Herkness Ninth and Sausom streets, a large sale Bazaar, was held of imported Jersey and Guernsey cows and heifers, ponies, pigs, and dogs, in variety and excellence exceeding anything which has been offered in that line in our city for some The entire selection was imported expressly for the sale from Europe, and were selected by Ed. Philip Parsons Fowler, of Jersey, England. The stock was shipped on the Tonawanda for Philadelphia frem from which port the vessel sailed March 9, 1871. The animals were among the finest of their kind in the world, and they were sold without reserve. Some were from the Prince Consort farm, Sussex, England.

The cows and helfers were the first offered for sale. No. 1, a fawn grey heifer with black points, was sold for \$425 to J. Lewis Krozer, of No. 2, a solid dun grey heifer, sold for \$335 to John Welsh, of Chestnut Hill. The calf of No. 1, born since the catalogue was printed, and only about a week old, was sold for \$50 to Barton Hill, of Philadelphia.

No. 3, a solid bronze-colored heifer, brought \$350, and was taken by George M. Heiman, of Laneaster, No. 4, a squirrel grey heifer, was bought by William Colden, of Harrisburg, for No. 5, a silver fawn-colored heifer, brought \$310, and was purchased by Coleman's helrs, who also took a great number of those exposed for sale.

No. 5, a two-year old heifer, brought \$310: No. 7, also a iwe-year old, brought \$440. Several other helfers of rare kind brought respectively \$300, \$425, \$275, \$399, and \$330. No. 11. a three-year old cow, sold for \$330; and No. 14, a three-year old helfer, sold for 300. No. 16, a white and yellow heifer calf, dropped at sea on board the Tonawanda, brought \$90. No. 17 was another two year old helfer of silver fawn gray color with a little white, and sold for \$300. No. 18, a solid tongue black heiter

calf, brought \$175. No. 19, a two year folh, The above were all Jersey cattle. The Guernseys were sold next, of which there were four Three brought respectively \$390. specimens. \$530, and \$190, and were brought by Coleman's heirs. The remaining one sold for \$310 to Winsor, of Connecticut. On the last two the

idding was very spirited. The pigs and boars from the Prince Consort Shaw farm, Windsor, England, were sold next. There were six specimens, and they sold at prices ranging from \$50 to \$90. Other pigs and boars were disposed of at good prices, to the number of ten or more. Several fine poales were then sold, the bidding being spirited, and at a late hoor the sale was concluded with the disposal of ten fancy dogs of the Clumber, Skye. Blue Skye, and fawn terrier breeds. The atten-

dance at the sale was very large throughout. ROOF OF A COUNTING-HOUSE DAMAGED .-The roof of the three-story brick countinghouse of Messrs, Bruner & Davis, lumber merchants, on Delaware avenue, above Poplar street, took fire to-day at a quarter before 13 o'clock from the flames of a chimney connected with the boat-building establishment of Charles Wood. adjoining to the last. A fraction of the roof was only destroyed, but the household effects of Mr. yons, the teamster, who occupies the third story of the counting-house, were considerably damaged by water. The loss in all will not

SUDDEN DEATH AND ALLEGED WIOLENCE -This morning at eight o'clock Edward Kelly, living at No. 637 Hubbell street, died suddenly in Dougherty's tavern, at the corner of Spafford and Bainbridge streets. It is alleged that the deceased was struck in the face with a club by a nan named McNichol, during a fight on the 22.1 ultimo, in the tavern of the latter at Passyunk road and Fitzwater street. The assailant is not yet in custody.

INSULTING LADIES .- Charles Peakes, for insulting remarks to some ladles passing Fifteenth and Pine streets last evening, was arrested by a policeman of the Fifth district, and has been held in \$500 ball by Alderman Morrow.

Another Success.—Last evening an adjourned meeting of the congregation of the West Arch Street Presbyterian Church, was held in the Lecture Room, for the purpose of hearing the report of the Committee on Subscriptions to the Improvement Fund. At the annual meeting of this congregation held in January last, the Board of Trustees were instructed to investigate

Board of Trustees were instructed to investigate the amount necessary to repair, improve, and beautify the church edifice, corner of Eighteenth and Arch streets, and report to a meeting to be held in April. A fornight ago, the board submitted their report, specifying in detail the repairs, alterations, improvements, and adornments which in their judgment seemed necessary, and setting forth that twelve thousand dollars would be required to pay for the work. Among the rerequired to pay for the work. Among the reand important one that the board deemed it inexpedient to proceed further until the sum of ten thousand dollars had actually been subscribed. A subscription paper was started the same evening, and a committee appointed, and last evening the required sum was raised and the board instructed to go ahead at such time as

the trustees and session might determine. Immediately after the January meeting the ladies of the church decided to do their share of the work, and resolved upon holding a fair. This action was prompt, decisive, and quite effective. The fair was held for four afternoons and evenings, and netted nearly one-sixth of the

whole sam required. At the meeting last evening, this act of kindness and devotion on the part of the ladies was duly acknowledged by the unanimous adoption of the following resolution:-

Resolved. That the thanks of the congregation of the West Arch Street Presbyterian Church be and they are hereby tendered to the ladies of the church for their noble and generous efforts in behalf of the improvement fund, closed this night. In this grand work they took the initiative; their nuremitting labora resulted in the accumulation of an amount exceeding their most sanguine anticipations; and their energies and good works, combined with the Committee on Subscriptions and others, have secured to the Trustees a sum sufficient to put West Arch in such a condition as will enable the congregation to present the church in capital order, a fitting memo-rial to the Lord for His great mercies.

This is the last expense to the West Arch people. They have done nobly. Including this repair fund they have paid, during the past three years, for debt, interest, Sabbath schools, and improvements upwards of eighty thousand dellars. The example set by their working congregation has done a vast deal of good through-out this city; and, like West Arch, some dozen churches have been freed from the terrible incubus of debt. To effect so grand a result in any church requires only a determined and persistent effort, and all who desire to engage in so praiseworthy an enterprise can get full information from the worthy President of the Board of Trustees of the West Arch Street Presbyterian

ANOTHER SWINDLER .- This morning a man went to the private residence of a gentleman up town, and presented a fictitious telegram, which he said he had taken to the store, but was unable to find the gentleman in. He asked and obtained the sum of \$4.65 as charges for the telegram which he had concocted. No such firm as that mentioned exists. The following is a transcript of the document: -

"Tucker & Davis have failed to the amount of \$18,000. Davis has gone, and no one knows where. You had better send on your papers. They have on deposit \$7000 in good bonds, and they are willing to pay you 75 per ct. Don't tell your partner uutil you hear from me. WARREN, KIDDER & Co., "Charges, \$4.65. 4 Wall st." The man who presented the so-called telegram

is a German, wearing a Kossuth hat, of a fair complexion, with sandy moustache, and dressed in black coat and pants. His eyes appeared to be inflamed, as if he were a drinking man. Another swindle of a similar character was ttempted yesterday, but without success. A man went to the music store of F. A. North & Co., and presented a note, asking that the money from the sale of certain concert tickets be given to the bearer, as printer's bills and the ike had to be paid. pay the money to unknown parties.

THE COAL TONNAGE of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad and branches for the week ending Saturday, April 29, 1871, was as follows:-

Total for week and Week. last year Decrease.

Passing over Main Line and Lebanon Valley Branch Fer shipment by Canal	22,911 12 16,982 17	81,312·19 2,367·03	d8,401°07 8,555 14
Shipped Westward via N. Central Railroad	15,245.06	1,816-17	13,428 09
hipped West or South from Pine Grove	1,180°19 2,671°16 75°01 53,017°11	205°14 2,885 02 6,854°19 46,452°14	975°05 d235°06 d6,779°18 7,564°17
Total Anth. paying freight	20,730:17	10,680 13	
Total all kinds paying freight. Coal for Company's use Total tonnage for week Previously this year	78,748'08 6,009'01 79,757'09 1078430'66	55,533°07 4,2 :0°14 59,734°01 11:9890°02	
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STRUCK WITH A PAIR OF TONGS .- John Phelan pounded Patrick McDermott on the head with a pair of tongs yesterday at Baldwin's foundry, at which place the two are workmen. Phelan asserts that Patrick in a dispute threw a bucket of water in his face. John was required to enter bail in \$1000 by Alderman Massey. McDermott received some ugly cuts.

Black males..... 441

Black females.....

KNOCKED DOWN BY A HORSE,-A runaway horse, with only a pair of shafts attached, knocked down Mary Wess, aged twenty-five years, this morning, in Leonard street, above Ninth, and injured her severely. She was car ried to her home, at No. 1205 South Eighth

INSULTED POLICEMEN.-Timothy McCarthy has been held in \$600 ball by Alderman Shoemaker. The offense of Timothy consisted in his having yesterday insulted, by divers profanely sarcastic remarks, a aquad of the Tenth district police officers. He was guilty of this kind of business several times before.

YACHT RACE. The small yachts "William McMullin" and "Louisa" raced on the Delaware yesterday for a purse of money. The course sailed over was from the Point House to Red Bank and back again to the point of starting, a distance of eight miles. The McMullen proved the victor.

THE METHODIST MINISTERS' MEETING, of this city, elected as their officers the following gentlemen:-President, George W. Maclaughlin Vice-President, S. E. Post. Secretary, A. M. Wiggins. Treasurer, W. B. Wood. Standing Committee, C. H. Payne, P. J. Cox, R. H. Humphries.

IMPOLITE.-Richard Boner was drunk yesterday, and in this condition entered a house at Otsego and Washington avenue, and conducted bimself in a manner not at all tolerated by polite He was arrested, and Alderman Lutz held him in \$1000 bail.

CLOCK THIEF .- Margaret Lynch went into house, last night, of Margaret Branvagen, of Middle alley, and stole a small clock from the mantelpiece. Alderman Carpenter has placed Miss Lynch in bonds for her appearance BOAT FOUND ADRIFT .- A batteau, picked up

on the Schuylkill, below Chestaut street wharf ast night, is awaiting an owner at the Schuylkill Harbor Police Station PICKPOOKET .- William M. Watson has been

ent to prison for attempting to pick the pocket of a Mr. Campbell, who was standing on his steps, at Twelfth and Pine streets, last night.

SALE OF REAL ESTATE AND STOCKS.—The following sales of real estate and stocks were made at the Exchange yesterday at noon by M.

Thomas & Sons:— \$390 Pennsylvania State loan, ten-fifteens 3 shares Philadelphia Chamber of Com-67 shares Southern Transportation Co.
CS ahares First National Bask of Camden.
SS shares FidelityInsurance Safe Deposit Co.
SS000 Camden and Amboy R. R. Co., 1875...
SS shares Camden and Amboy R. R. Co...
100 shares Oil Basin Petroleum Co.

500 stares McClintock Petroleum Co..... 75 shares Pseific and Atlantic Telegraph Co.

to shares Spanish Gold and Silver Mining 15 shares United Mining Co.

100 shares Chited Mining Co.
100 shares Petrona Oil Creek Petroleum Co.
100 shares Petrona Oil Co.
Lots Nos. 227 and 241 Monument Cemetery
WALLACE STREET, No. 1611—Modern
Residence, Stable, and Cosch-house.... HUNTINGDON STREET, east of Sepviva-...\$1200 each

HUNTINGDON STREET, east of Sepviva—
Two Dweilings. \$12
STENTON AVENUE, Germantown—Desirable Residence.
CHERRY STREET, Nos. 1125 and 1127—
Valuable Livery Stable.
ARCH STREET, No. 524—Store and Dwelling
CHRISTIAN STREET, No. 29—Dwelling,
Bakery, and Stable.
VINE STREET, No. 1913—Modern Residence
NINETERTH and TIOGA STREETS, N. W.
corner—Two Handsome Stone Residences. \$8000 an \$19, 20 \$34,500

dences \$8000 and \$8800 FRONT STREET (South), No. 407—Three-Building
GROUND NENT, 227 a year.
FRANKFORD ROAD, No. 1601—Bakery,
Dwelling, and Stable.

Dwelling, and Stable.
Vienna Street, S. E. of Lemon—Lot...
CAMBRIA STREET, N. W. of Jasper-Lot...
SIXTY-FIFTH STREET, North of Race
Street- Dwelling...
FIFTEENTH STREET (North), No. 141—
Modern Residence ing.... THERY-SECOND STREET (North), No. 338-Brick Dwelling.

FIFTEENTH and CHRISTIAN, N. W. corner—Store and Dwelling
FIFTEENTH STREET (South), No. 820—Brick Dwelling. Mortgage, \$800.

SAFE-BLOWING IN GERMANTOWN .- Early on Sunday morning a burglary was committed in the office attached to the coal-yard of Mr. J. C. Jones, near the depot at Chestaut Hill. The burglar or burglars got into the office by means of keys. They then took the fire-proof safe frem under the counter, laid it upon a bag of cake meal, and cut a hole in the door with a cold chisel. The hole made was about half an inch square. Having piled several bags of grain upon the safe to deaden the sound of the explosion, they filled the hole with powder and applied a fuse, which they had obtained from the tool-house in the yard. The force of the explo-sion tore open the cutside door, and the inside door was then split down the middle with a cold chisel. The burglars only got \$4.50 and some papers for their trouble. The papers included a life insurance policy, policies of insurance on the property of Mr. Joues, and some protested notes. The papers left in the room were scattered about in confusion, the deeds for property

lying upon the floor near the door.

A BELLICOSE COACHMAN BLOODY-MINDED. John Groom, a coachman in the employ of Mr. Henry L. Foster, took offense at the conduct of this gentleman because he had employed some colored help. Yesterday atternoon he armed himself with a scythe and proceeded to the station of the Philadelphia and Trenton Railroad, in the Twenty-third ward, near where his employer lived, to await his coming from the city, He declare and attacked him with the that he was going to "cut Mr. Foster's --- head off." In his frenzy he accidentally ran against a colored woman and commenced an attack upon her, but as she declared that she would not stand any fooling, and returned his assault by a lounge with a meat-knife, he withdrew from the contest. He did not have an opportunity to attack his master, being arrested and sent to prison by Alderman Stearne.

INSULTING .- J. P. Stewart was arrested at Ninth and Race streets last night for giving insulting back talk to the occupant of a dwelling house there, who ordered him from off his steps Alderman Jones held the accused in \$400 bail.

The Militia Tax. To the Editor of The Evening Telegraph.

I have read with much pleasure the article on the "Militia Tax," as it is called. The tax is really one in commutation of military duty, and it would be wise to advise your readers to pay the tax under protest in writing after a levy has been made. Suits are now pending against the collectors to recover damages, and with the certainty of success. The acts of Assembly levying this "commutation tax" are clearly uncon stitutional, and I beg to refer you to Section 2 Article vi. of the Constitution of Pennsylvania As a citizen, I am ready to "arm, organize, and be disciplined according to law, and domy duty, but having no "conscientious scruples" against "bearing arms" I cannot be compelled to pay this tax which goes no one knows where. Yours, A FREEMAN.

SOUTHWARK NATIONAL BANK. PHILADELPHIA, May 2, 1871.
The Directors have this day declared a dividence of RIGHT PER CENT., psyable on demand. 5 2 St P. LAMB, CASHIER.

THE PEOPLE'S BANK OF PHILADEL PHILADELPHIA, May 2, 1871 The Directors have declared a Dividend PER CENT,, payable on demand, clear of taxes.

WM. H. FABER, Cashier. PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

PHILADELPHIA, May 2, 1871. The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of FIVE PER CENT, on the capital stock of the Company, clear of National and State taxes, payable in cash, on and after May

80, 1871. Blank powers of attorney for collecting dividends can be had at the office of the company,

The office will be open at 8 A. M., and close at P. M., from May 30 to June 2, for the payment of dividends, and after that date from 9 A. M. to 3 THOMAS T. FIRTH, P. M. Treasurer.

FINE STATIONERY

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TOTICE-CHANGE OF FIRM -WE HAVE THER, GEORGE W. MACBRIDE and F. F. SHAT-TUCK, who will continue the manufacture of Perfumery, Pancy Soaps, etc., in all their branches, at the old stand, No. 726 CHESNUT Street, under the firm name of SHATT UCK & MACBRIDE.

Philadelphia, May 1, 1871. GLENN & CO.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE THIS DAY formed a Copartnership under the name and of SHATTUCK & MACBRIDE, as successors LENN & CO.

B. F. SHATTUCK,

GEO. W. MACBRIDE,

F. F. SHATTUCK. to GLENN & CO. Philadelphia, May 1, 1871.

S T O C K S, L O A N S, E T C., BOUGHT AND BOLD AT THE BOARD OF BROKERS, BY GEORGE J. BOYD.

No. 18 S. THIRD Street.

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FOURTH EDITION

AFFAIRS AT THE CAPITAL

Condition of National Banks.

Schooner Sunk by a U. S. Vessel.

Awards to Philadelphians.

New York Police Board

Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc.,

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FROM WASHINGTON. TRY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Exclusively to The Rvening Telegraph. Condition of the National Banks. Washington, May 2.—The Comptroller of the Currency has called upon the national banks to make a report of their condition at the close of business on Saturday, April 29th.

Cabinet Meeting. There was a Cabinet meeting to-day for the first time in several weeks. Every department was rep-resented excepting the War Department. It is un-derstood that routine business only was transacted. Naval Orders.

Captain Charles H. B. Caldwell is ordered to the New York Navy Yard; Captain William G. Temple is ordered to the Bureau of Ordnance: Lieutenant-Commander Albert S Barker is ordered to the Wacommander Albert's Barker is ordered to the Wa-chusett; Assistant Surgeon William H. McDonald is ordered to the Norfolk Navy Yard; Chief Engi-neer Charles E. Devalin is ordered to the Alaska; First Assistant Engineer Louis J. Allen to the Re-saca; Captain M. B. Wolsey is detached from the New York Navy Yard and ordered for examination for promotion; Surgeon D. R. Bannon from the Na-val Hondral et Penseals and placed on waiting val Hospital at Pensacola, and placed on waiting orders: First Assistant Engineer Elijah Laws from the Resaca; William H. King from the Alaska and ordered to return to the United States.

FROM NEW YORK.

Police Board Organization. NEW YORK, May 2.—The Board of Police reorganized this morning, and elected Henry A. Smith President, and Thomas J. Barr Treasurer. Under the recent act of the Legislature, the Board of e were made Trustees of the Police Insurance

Murderer Sentenced. Patrick Toomey, policeman, who was convicted for clubbing to death the boy John Murphy, was to-day sentenced, by Recorder Hackett, in the Court of General Sessions, to two years imprisonment, with hard labor, in the State Prison. Awards to Philadelphians.

NEW YORK, May 2 .- Among the awards to-day by the Indian Commission were the following:— Biddle Hardware Company, Philadelphia, 21 doz. handsaw files; 51 doz cast steel shears; 1840 doz. butcher knives; 100 mink traps; 300 muskrat traps; 200 fox traps; 850 beaver traps; 140 doz. hoes, planters; 1667 doz. half-axes; 15 doz. spades; 3780 John Dobson, of Philadelphia, 500 pounds indigo.

FROM THE WEST.

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Masonic Celebration. LOGANSPORT, Ind., May 2 .- Arrangements are being made on an extensive scale for laying the corner-stone of the Smithson College, at this place, on May 9th, under the auspices of Masonic rites. Many distinguished gentiemen have been invited and have promised to be present, and a general in-vitation is extended all Masonic organizations and

Funeral of Hon. Sharon Tyndale. St. Louis, May 2.—The funeral of Hon. Sharon Tyndale, who was murdered at Springdeld, Ili., on Saturday morning, took place at Believille, Ili., yesterday afternoon, under direction of the Freemasons, and was very imposing. The lodges of Masons from the surrounding towns and various societies of Belleville to which Mr. Tyndale belonged were in

the procession. Ex-Governor Koerner delivered an address at the grave, after which the Masonic burial service was read. The funeral was very large. Adjournment of the Ohio Legislature. COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 2.—The Legislature ad-journed at 12 o'clocklto-day, after a session of a hun-dred and twenty-one days. The Short-line Railroad

FROM NEW ENGLAND.

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Exclusively to The Evening Telegraph. Collision at Sea.

BOSTON, May 2 .- Arrived, United States corvette Ticenderogs, from New Yerk. She reports that on Monday at 4 A. M., off Cape Cod, she was in colli-sion with the schooner Ada A. Andrews, of Provi-dence, from Alexandria, with coal for Boston. The schooner was so badly injured that she was abandoned, sinking, and her officers and erew were taken on board the Ticonderega and brought to this

The Boston High School. Boston, May 2.—The semi-centennial anniversary of the Boston High School is being celebrated to-day by a procession, a levee in Fanculi Hall, and appropriate literary exercises in Music Hall.

This Evening's Quotations. LONDON, May 2-4:30 P. M.-Consols closed at 93% for both money and account. American securi-ties quiet; 5-20s of 1862, 90%; of 1865, old, 90%; of 867, 923; 10-68, 693c. Liverpool, May 2-4:30 P. M.—Cotton closed dull uplands, 7 kd.; Orleans, 7 kd. Sales to-day 8000 bales, of which 2000 were for speculation and export,

The Manchester market is dull; Bacon, 38s. for Cumberiand cut. LONDON, May 2.—Sugar on the spot, 36s.@36s. 6d.; affoat declining, at 29s. 6d.

FEMALE CLERKS.

The Discharge of Employes of the Note Printing Bureau. The Washington Patriot of yesterday has the following:

The much talked-of discharge of employes from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing as the Treasury Department took place on Saturday, and was accompanied by a number of distressing scenes in and about the office of Superintendent McCartee. About two-thirds of the party dropped from the pay-rolls were women, many of them the widows or orphans of United States soldiers, and all of them dependent on their individual labor for their living. A number have large and helpless families, and their demonstrations upon being notified of their dismissal were painful to witness.

In selecting from so deserving a list of employes for the reduction of force, Mr. McCartee doubtless acted upon his best discretion, retaining on his rolls those whose circumstances called most loudly upon his indulgence. But the necessity for disposing with those was were discharged will entail much hardship and suffering upon that deserving class, and was a source of painful solicitude with the Saperiutendent in making up his list, his great anxiety being to retain those who could least afford to be deprived of employment. A good many of the males discharged (plate-printers) are men who have brought their families here, and have been trying to acquire homes by making monthly payments on houses they have purchased. Whatever they have paid will, of course, be sacrificed, as they will be compelied to seek employment in other cities. Several of them, we learn, have already been engaged by the hank-note companies in New York that have succeeded in getting the work transferred from the Treasury. A few of the best female hands dismissed will also, it is probable, find employment in the same direction but by far the greatest number will be reduced to dire straits for bread. Their cases appeal strongly to the good offices of the benevolent in

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